

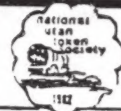


# THE TOKEN HUNTER

A Publication of the

*National Utah Token Society*

Vol. 9, No. 8  
August 1990



Dedicated to Collecting, Recording, and Preserving Medals and Tokens

## OFFICERS

Pres.	Byron Elfors	1-884-6145
V.P.	Eric Jameson	582-6461
Co-Treas.	Deb Sorenson	572-1795
	Greg Manos	537-1717 ext. 293
Sec.	Julie Gold	1-776-2022
Wagon-Masters	Ralph Gold	1-776-2022
	Don Sorenson	572-1795
	Ted Draper	487-2373
Editor	Joyce Elfors	1-884-6145

## Next Meeting AUGUST

				1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		

## ★ Club Events ★

AUG 23: CLUB PICNIC  
SEP 1-3: TREASURE HILL, NV  
OCT 6-7: TINTIC MINING DIST

AUGUST'S MEETING IS THE 23RD AT 7:15p.m. AT FAIRMONT PARK IN SUGARHOUSE. COME ONE AND ALL FOR LOTS OF FUN.

## ★ PRIZES ★

Beaver Co-Op, Beaver, UT, GF \$2 in Merchandise  
Beaver Co-Op, Beaver, UT, GF \$5 in Merchandise  
Beehive Merc Company, Manti, UT, GF 10¢ in trade  
Gaisford's Bar, Fillmore, UT, GF one drink or cigar  
Moroni Co-Op, Moroni, UT, GF 10¢ in Merchandise  
Copper King, Bingham, UT, GF 12½¢ in trade

### DOOR PRIZES:

H. Borrman, SLC, UT, GF 5¢ in trade  
Bennett Gas Co., SLC, UT

### TOKEN HUNTER NOTES:

I want to thank Eric for the articles for the Newsletter. I'm sure you will enjoy all the information. He sent me one on the Bullion Canyon Trip which was August 11; even though it is past, I'm including the article for those you may want to go there on their own. I apologize for not getting the Newsletter out before the trip.

Byron and I and Glen and Lee Rupp really enjoyed the Blacks Fork trip. We stayed overnight and enjoyed the cool, cool weather. I found an old bottle and plate but no coins or tokens. We had a great time though. Remember the CLUB PICNIC this month (23rd),. It will be alot of fun for everyone.

We'd like to welcome our newest members:

Mike Dorroll, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Rhonda Godding & Family, Salt Lake City, Utah

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our speaker last month, Tooele County Historian, Orrin Miller, had everyone's attention as he related some of the history of Tooele County and the Great Salt Lake. Orrin, who has been a big promoter for Tooele County history preservation, has authored one book and is about to release an update to "The History of Tooele County." On the way in to the club meeting and on the way back to Tooele, Orrin told me about some of the projects he is working on for improving and promoting the area. He is a dedicated person. Thanks Orrin for your contributions to the NUTS and to Tooele County.

The club trip for August was to Bullionville, Utah. We wanted to get the Token Hunter out before the trip, but could not get everything together to put it out in time. The September trip (Sept 1-3) is even earlier, so the write up is in this newsletter. Eric is the wagon master for the trip, which is to Treasure Hill, Nevada.

Two of the duties of the NUTS club Vice President are, to be in charge of the club picnic, and to organize a nominating committee for election of new officers for the next year. In a couple of months Eric will be asking members to serve on the nominating committee. Do your part and help out if asked.

While on the subject of the Vice President, I would like to thank Eric for the support he has given this year. He always makes it to the outings and has good maps of the area available to anyone who wants one. If we need an article for the Token Hunter, he makes sure we have it.

Attendance at the club meetings has been good and we have had some new members join the NUTS, but we can always use new blood. New members not only add to the club revenue, but also brings in new ideas for improving the club. You get a silver dime for signing up a new member.

See you at the club picnic.

Byron





## THE ANNUAL PICNIC!!!

It is that time of year when all you NUTS get to stuff yourself and your wonderful offspring (not a Problem Child among the lot) with tempting caloric delights at the annual NUTS picnic. Yes, the monthly meeting will be held out of doors for a change. On **Thursday, Aug. 23**, we will meet at 7:15 p.m. in **Fairmont Park** in Sugarhouse at the same pavilion we had last year. (Parking is on the north side of the park, across from Granite Furniture, between 9th & 11th East.) As is the custom, this summer the club will spring for the drinks, while each family is encouraged to bring a potluck something or other (a stack of porterhouse would endear you to us all). This is a time for the entire family to get out without worrying about the batteries in the detector conking out just before the Big Discovery. An entire evening of fun & merriment! Of eats! Of games. Of just a good NUTty time. BE THERE, we will be.

REMEMBER - FAIRMONT PARK - NOT the MULTIPURPOSE CENTER.

## BULLION CANYON TRIP

HELLO, hello! It is time for the next wonderful, exciting, productive, interesting and fun NUTty outing. Yes, now you can spend **Saturday, August 11th** down in beautiful central Utah, next to a nice cool stream that you can bask your tootsies in. While past trips to the **Marysville** area have taken the club up to the ghost town of Kimberly, we decided that an entirely new place would be in order, so this year we will be going up the canyon to the west of Marysville to visit the townsite of **Bullionville** in, of course, Bullion Canyon. This is one of the few remaining ghost towns in Utah that actually has ghost houses left with real roofs on them, as opposed to a town site like Kimberly, that had nearly all the cabins scrapped for lumber.

Bullionville was founded in the 1870s when gold was discovered in the Tusher Range, grew to several hundred people, then was abandoned. With new milling methods developed at the turn of the century, Bullion Canyon, as well as the Kimberly area on the other side of the divide, had a fresh spurt of development, lasting until W.W. II forced the closure of the gold mines by presidential order. All the ruins found in the canyon date from this period, with the last construction taking place in the 1930s. Because of easier transportation, the buildings were nearly all residential or mining related, as the miners could do their shopping in Marysville, four miles down the canyon.

To get there, meet at the **Multipurpose Center at 8:30** this Saturday to join the caravan, or take I15 to the Cove Fort exit, then I70 to the US89 exit. Head south 20 miles to Marysville, then turn right (heading west) at the store. When you reach the end of the street, turn left (if you turn right you will end up in Kimberly) and you will end up going up Bullion Canyon. We hope to see all of you there this weekend. GOOD HUNTING.



## LABOR DAY TRIP TO TREASURE HILL, NEVADA

No, it is not enough that we have the Marysville trip on the 11th, we also want you to find some of those good Nevada tokens. This year's Nevada trip is to the Hamilton mining district in Nevada during **Labor Day (Sept. 1, 2, & 3: Sat-Mon)**. The Hamilton district is centered around Treasure Hill (the highest hill in the area) and is about 30 miles to the west of Ely on US50 and then 15-20 miles south on a graded BLM road. It is four hours from S.L.C. to Ely and another hour to Hamilton & Treasure Hill. We will leave **promptly at 8:30** from the Multipurpose Center, with a half hour (or more) break in Ely so we can find motel rooms before the evening rush.

Silver was first discovered in the Treasure Hill area in 1872, starting the first big rush to eastern Nevada. There were seven towns in the area, with the biggest town being Hamilton, which was the main city in eastern Nevada until the 1880s. With the exhaustion of the surface silver deposits, there was only minor work from then on. The area was known for the brick and stone ruins of the town, most of which are now only piles of rock, thanks to the ravages of 'treasure hunters' and people who felt it would be a good idea to tear down our history to decorate their houses. Hope to see you there.

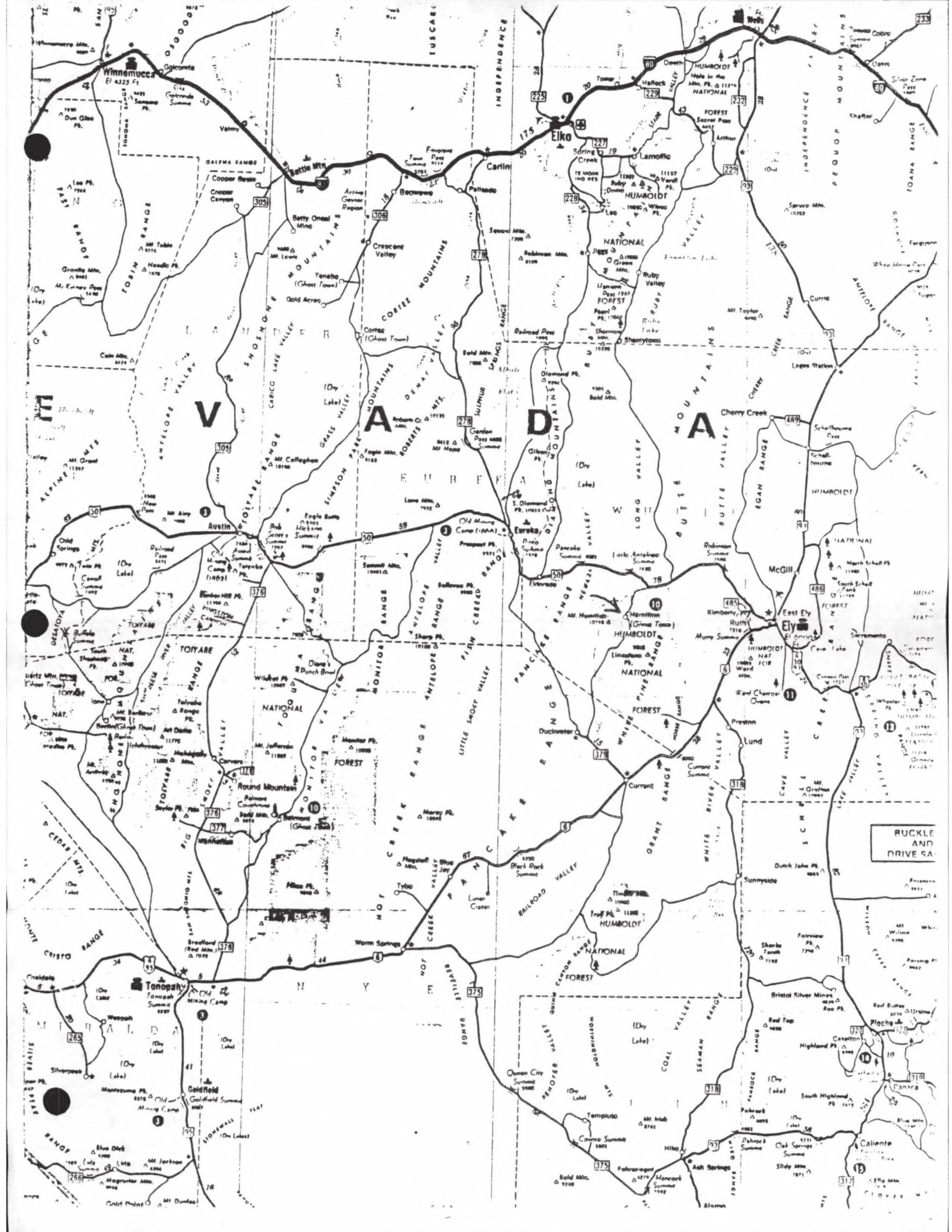
## A LETTER FROM YOUR V.P. (finally)

At last I have finally gotten up the courage to show my penmanship on the pages of the NUTS newsletter again. After the reaction to the last attempt, this may be a surprise. I wish to apologize to all those whom I may have offended here and in Las Vegas, and promise not to write any more articles at 2:00 a.m., at which time anybody's sense of humor may become a bit (or more than a bit, according to some of you) warped.

It looks like our upcoming outings will be better than some of the past ones. While Gold Hill was a well-attended outing, it was also attended by a hailstorm, so we all met at the Silver Smith Casino in Wendover, where you are guaranteed on finding some tokens (keeping them may be a bit more difficult). The outing to Latuda and the Spring Canyon Ghost towns was a slight disappointment, as only two of us showed up. Boy, did the rest of you miss a good outing. NO BUGS! And a nice cool tree-lined canyon instead of a hot desert. If any of you do manage to make it down to Carbon County, I would recommend that you drop in to the Mining Museum on the main street of Helper. They have two displays of tokens on the second floor and the last remaining seven copies of "Carbon County Ghost Towns," a book all of you coal country token hunters should not be without.

The next three outings should be of interest to all club members. This weekend is Bullion Canyon above Marysville, a nice cool getaway, (and with a placer location nearby for those who want their gold unrefined). On Labor Day a nice trip is planned to the Nevada mountains (or hills) with a trip to Hamilton and the Treasure Hill area. And, in October a trip down to the Eureka area. GOOD HUNTING, and see all of you there.





BUCKLE  
AND  
DRIVE SA



NAME:      FRENTON, John.....Park City Utah

DESCRIPTION OF token, in collection.

OBVERSE: John Frenton. Good for 5¢ Beer, Park City Utah.  
Beaded border.

REVERSE: Picture of Mormon Temple, in center, and at the base of  
Temple, the following words appear: MORMON TEMPLE.

Token is 24MM in size and of AL. metal



REFERENCE: Mercantile Agency Book HF 5573-D7(Folio) now published as Dunn and  
Bradstreet Book(Photo copies from Library of Congress, in Washington, D.C.

John Frenton, listed as Saloon for years of 1890 and 1901.

REFERENCE:Utah State Gazetters(zerox copies of Park City Merchants)  
John Frenton listed as Saloon for the following years:....1892-1893...  
1900.....1903-04..

REFERENCE:Park City Recorder Book #2(from 9-5-1888 to 2-15-1898)  
Retail liquor licenses issued(cost of \$150.00 per quarter)  
John Frenton: 4-4-1896.....7-1-1896....10-1-1896....1-6-1897...4-7-1897...  
4-6-1898.....9-6-1898.....12-1-1898.....

REFERENCE: Park City Recorder Book #3(from 3-1-1899 to July 20, 1904)  
Retail liquor licenses issued: 3-15-1899.....6-7-1899.....10-4-1899...  
12-28-1899.....6-17-1903.

REFERENCE: Park City Treasurer Book( from June 1892 to July 1903)  
Retail liquor license issued on the following dates, at cost of \$150.00 per quarter.  
June 1892.....August 31, 1892.....12-2-1892.....3-2-1893.....June 1, 1893.....  
9-2-1893.....12-2-1893.....3-2-1894.....6-1-1894.....3-1-1895.....9-1-1894.....  
3-1-1895.....6-1-1895.....9-4-1895...12-4-1895.....6-8-1896...9-12-1896...12-15-1896....  
3-13-1897....6-15-1897....9-13-1897....12-27-1897....3-12-1898....5-15-1898....  
9-5-1898....12-4-1898....3-4-1899....6-7-1899....3-8-1900....6-7-1900....  
9-7-1900....12-4-1900....3-5-1901....6-4-1901...9-9-1901...12-4-1901...3-8-1902.....  
6-4-1902....9-12-1902....12-1-1902...3-16-1903....6-5-1903... (Also Hotel license  
issued on above dates(Cost\$5.00 per quarter)



REFERENCE: Park City License Register Book.(from 1888 to 1900)

Special Note:Records will show in this register book, that Joseph Dudler paid his last liquor license on 12-16-1891, then the saloon business was sold to John Frenton. Register book shows that John Frenton paid a retail liquor license for the following dates, at \$150.00 per quarter.

3-3-1892.....6-1-1892.....8-31-1892...12-2-1892....3-2-1893....6-1-1893.....  
9-2-1893....12-2-1893....4-2-1894....6-1-1894....9-1-1894....12-3-1894....  
3-1-1895....6-1-1895....9-4-1895.....12-4-1895....3-3-1896....8-8-1896...9-12-1896....  
12-15-1896....4-7-1897.....7-7-1897.....10-6-1897....12-28-1897....3-12-1898....  
6-15-1898....9-4-1898....12-4-1898....3-6-1898.....9-12-1899....12-18-1899.  
(6-7-1899)

SPECIAL NOTE: The license register book will show that John Frenton was issued a Hotel license on 9-16-1892, the cost of \$5.00.

SPECIAL NOTE:The saloon which John Frenton did operate, was later known as the Rasband Dance Hall. Building purchased by Mrs. Mary Giocoma, in about 1925, operated then as a Boarding and Rooming House, later known as the Central Hotel. The building later converted over to Apartments. This building evidently didn't burn down with the fire of 1898.

REFERENCE: Park City License Register Book(Starting February 1900 to 1903)

John Frenton, issued a retail liquor license, on the following dates:Cost \$150.00 quarter  
Issued On:3-9-1900...6-7-1900...9-6-1900...12-4-1900....3-5-1901...6-4-1901...  
9-9-1901....11-4-1901..3-8-1902..6-12-1902...9-12-1902...12-8-1902.

REFERENCE: UTAH STATE GAZETTERS, listing of all the Saloons by the towns and Cities, in Utah.(Have on file zerox copies of the years)

JOHN FRENTON,listed as a Saloon in Park City Utah for year of 1900..also for 1903-1904..

REFERENCE: Park City License Register Book from 1900 to 1903.

Issued Retail liquor license on the following dates:....3-9-1900.....6-7-1900....  
9-6-1900.....2-4-1900.....3-5-1901.....6-4-1901....9-9-1901....3-8-1902....  
6-12-1902.....12-8-1902....3-16-1903.....6-8-1903....

REFERENCE: Utah State Gazetter, listing of Saloons in each town of Utah.

John Frenton, Saloon for the following years:....1900.....1903-04.

NOTE: The following add did appear in the Park Record, for year of 1896-1897.  
Train robbers caught drinking A B C beer,ABC the finest beer in the State.  
Who sells it? John Frenton, The Dudler Building, Upper Main Street.  
(Dea Kummer mailed the above notation to me on March 1973).

REFERENCE: PARK CITY CENSUS FOR YEAR OF 1900.

JOHN FRENTON: Born: January 1843,age at the time of census was 57.  
Married for 18 years....Born in England.

FATHERS BIRTHPLACE:....England MOTHERS BIRTHPLACE: ....England.

YEAR OF IMMIGRATION was 1866....Number of years in the United States....34  
Naturalized citizen....OCCUPATION:.....Saloon Keeper.



# From the Past

= TOKEN FOR VERNAL CITY LINES =  
By Roy D. Nulph and Harry Campbell

During World War II, in the middle of July, 1944, a Mrs. Robert (Erma) Fletcher of Vernal, Utah, applied for and received a license at the city hall, for the purpose of starting and operating a bus line within the corporate area of Vernal, Utah. It was granted with conditional terms of a one-year tryout period.

Erma, her husband Robert and his brother Martin Fletcher formed the company and called it Vernal City Lines. The newly formed company purchased, through the U.S. Army, four GMC 35-passenger buses. In a garage belonging to Martin they were reconditioned and painted light blue with a wide white stripe running lengthwise. In gold with black shadow outline the letters VERNAL CITY LINES and a logo of a dinosaur completed the job.

Actual operation began in December, 1944, using only two buses. The third was on standby basis in case of a breakdown, and the fourth was used for parts, as required by the other three. Vernal, being a small city (approximately 2,500 population at the time), one bus covered every other east and west street, while the other covered the alternating north and south streets. The two buses met every half hour in the center of town. Operations ran from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., six days a week, with no service on Sundays or holidays.

The Vernal City Lines were short-lived. It actually operated only for a period of eight weeks, from mid December, 1944, to mid February, 1945. Due to poor ridership the U.S. Government would not allot them enough rationed fuel to operate the bus line. Cutting down to one bus, to stretch the fuel supply, the citizens complained of poor service, waiting in cold weather, etc. One week later the bus line went out of business.

The fare structure was 10¢ cash or 3 tokens for 25¢. Apparently a token was issued. It is pictured on page 550 of the Atwood Catalogue at the bottom of the page, but has never been listed because of uncertain origin. It may be described thus:

## VERNAL CITY LINES

WM 19 Sd      Good For One Fare

Only two of these tokens are known to be in the collections of A.V.A. members. One is owned by John Coffee (hence the photo), and the other by Roy Nulph who obtained it in an antique store in Salt Lake City eighteen months ago. The token was in a basket of odd buttons, etc., and it cost the whole sum of 25¢.

Further research has revealed nothing. The sole survivor of the bus venture, Martin Fletcher, is now in his 80's with a failing memory. He does not remember a token. His job was to maintain the buses and keep them running. Robert was #1 driver and personnel manager and died in 1958. Erma acted as president, secretary-treasurer and general flunky, taking care of the actual business. She died in 1969, leaving no known heirs, as she and Robert were childless.

No one in Vernal with whom we talked could remember the tokens, but people did remember the bus line. So we do not know how many tokens were struck, who made them or what has happened to the rest of them. Perhaps they were sold as surplus scrap for the war effort, along with the rest of the company's equipment. We are not giving up. If there are two we figure there are more out there somewhere!

\*\*\*\*\*





# N. U. T. S. MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$13.00

☐ SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$9.00



Find the benefits of membership

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

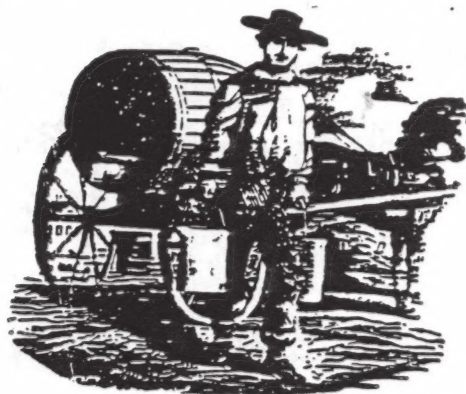
SPECIAL INTERESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE OUT  
CHECKS TO  
N. U. T. S.

SEND TO: 1123 East 2100 So.  
Salt Lake City. Ut. 84106

REMEMBER, SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER AND RECEIVE A SILVER DIME FREE.

## CLASSIFIEDS



## ALL ABOUT COINS

BUY  
SELL  
TRADE

Bob & Carol Campbell

1123 East 2100 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84106  
(801) 467-8636

"WHERE THE COLLECTOR IS KING"

MEMBER LM-ANA UNS NUTS. OCC. ITHA ATCO. TAMS SHCC

Buy, Sell, Trade Tokens - No  
Reasonable Offer Refused

## WWI SERVICE MEDALS

I collect World War I Service Medals issued by states, counties, cities, and towns. Particularly I want those issued in Utah such as Fountain Green, Park City, Provo, Trenton, and Washington County. Contact Lou Small, Box 19262U, Jacksonville, Florida, 32245





THE UTAH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Presents



The 27th Annual  
**UTAH STATE COIN SHOW**

SEPTEMBER 28, 29 & 30, 1990

UTAH STATE FAIR GROUNDS  
FINE ARTS BUILDING



HOURS:  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
10:00 to 8:00  
SUNDAY  
10:00 to 4:00



FREE ADMISSION

